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In re application: Subrata Mokerji ✓ Group Art Unit: 1775 ✓
Serial No.: 10/073,527 ✓ Examiner: Andrew Piziali
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(formerly) 500-3013-U
Title: ✓ Zirconium Nitride Coating Having A Top Layer Thereon

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Advisory Action mailed July 14, 2003. In response to the Advisory Action, Applicant today spoke with Examiner Piziali regarding the allowance of the claims subject to the amendments presented below. Applicant greatly appreciates Examiner Piziali's assistance in this matter and willingness to consider this amendment so as to resolve all outstanding issues.

As this Second Request for Reconsideration is being filed today, August 1, 2003, by facsimile to (703) 872-9311 within the original three-month response period of the Final Office Action (mailing date May 6, 2003), no additional fees appear to be required. If any fees are due regarding the filing of this Request, please charge such required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection in light of the following comments and amendments.

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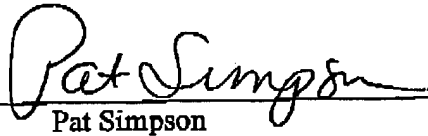
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